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**W**elcome to yet another issue of **I LOVE TO READ BATMAN AND SUPERMAN.**

This month we have some more great stories for you. As you can see from the cover, **Superman** meets his match in a super-strong **Lois Lane**. Where did the *Daily Planet's* star reporter get her strength from? Find out by reading the comic strip story *Superman Vs Lois Lane*?

A small-time criminal called Larry stumbles upon **Batman** changing after a night's work. Will Larry reveal the Dark Knight's secret identity? Find out in the story, *A Face In The Crowd*.

Then we have some great stories written by you, our readers! Before Superman joined Batman in issue 23, this magazine was called *I Love to Read Batman*. In issue 19 of that title, we asked our readers to write in and tell us the story behind a picture we provided in *You Tell the Story*. You sent in some great stories, and we have chosen and printed some of our favourites in this issue. Maybe one of them is yours!

There's also a summer-time fun-in-the-sun **COMPETITION!** Win a terrific **BUBBLATOR!** Bubblators make bubbles of every shape and size and you can play with them outside while enjoying the summer weather.

So turn the pages, get reading, and puzzle over the Batman and Superman workbook—packed full of puzzles and colouring pages!



A ruthless attack on the *Daily Planet* building! Superman helpless and beaten to a standstill by the most unexpected enemy of all...



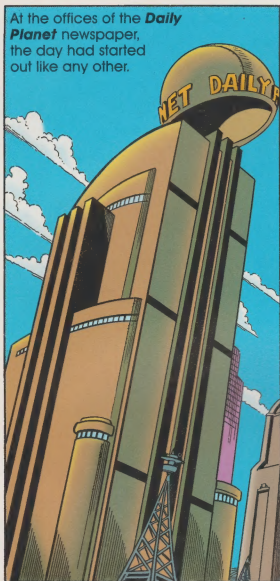
# SUPERMAN VS LOIS LANE?



Story: Don Abnett Art: Jimmy Hansen Colours: Robin Smith

SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster

At the offices of the **Daily Planet** newspaper, the day had started out like any other.



Clark Kent arrived in the busy newsroom...

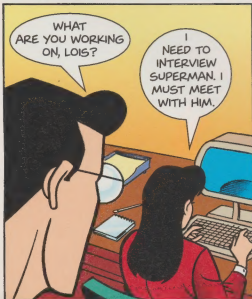


Clark's coffee was unsweetened. He'd given Lois the wrong cup, the one with sugar...but she didn't seem to notice.



WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON, LOIS?

I NEED TO INTERVIEW SUPERMAN. I MUST MEET WITH HIM.



HOW DO I ARRANGE A MEETING WITH SUPERMAN?

UH...I DON'T KNOW, LOIS. HE USUALLY SHOWS UP WHEN HE'S NEEDED.

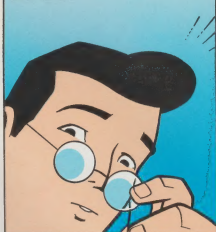




Clark sensed that something was very wrong. Lois was behaving strangely.

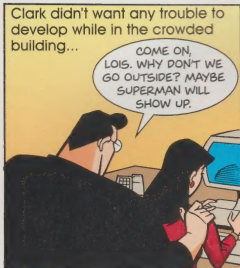


He realised that she **wasn't** Lois at all!



Clark didn't want any trouble to develop while in the crowded building...

COME ON, LOIS. WHY DON'T WE GO OUTSIDE? MAYBE SUPERMAN WILL SHOW UP.

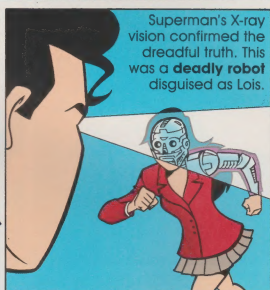
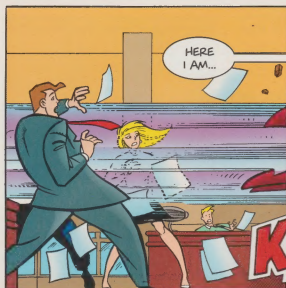


...but it already had.



**I WANT  
SUPERMAN—  
NOW!**





Meanwhile, the **real** Lois was the prisoner of a mad inventor called Professor Hoakes.

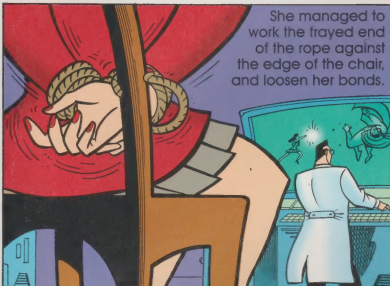


YOU SEE, MY DEAR? YOUR ROBOT DOUBLE IS TESTING SUPERMAN.

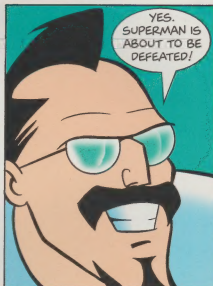
Lois struggled to get free. She wanted to help Superman.



SOON ALL OF SUPERMAN'S SECRETS WILL BE MINE.



She managed to work the frayed end of the rope against the edge of the chair, and loosen her bonds.



YES. SUPERMAN IS ABOUT TO BE DEFEATED!

With Hoakes distracted, Lois tried to deactivate the controls of the deadly robot.



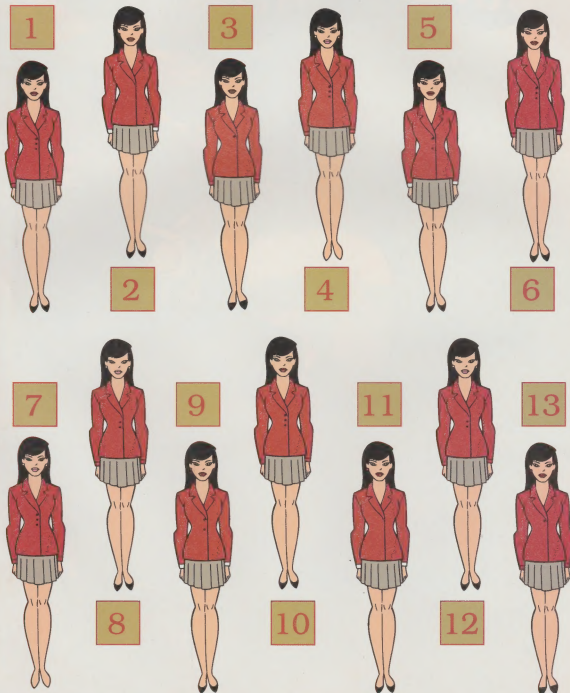


THE END



# THE REAL LOIS LANE

In the story *Superman Vs Lois Lane*, Clark Kent finds that there's something different about Lois. In this puzzle, there is only one real Lois Lane—the rest are robotic pairs! Can you find the human one?



Answers: 1 and 10, 2 and 11, 3 and 13, 4 and 7, 5 and 9, 8 and 12. 6 is the real Lois Lane.

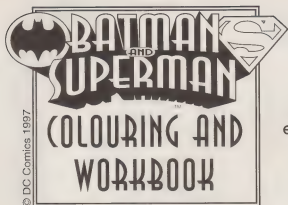
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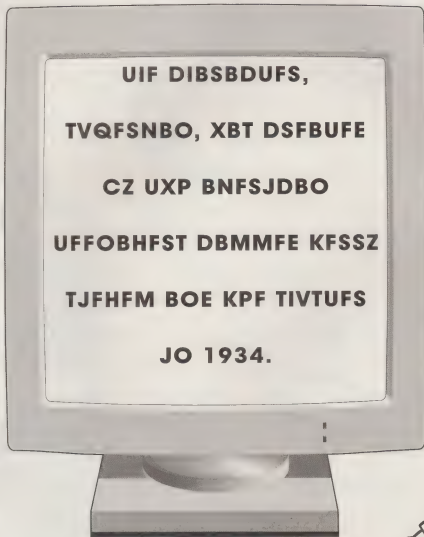


# HISTORICAL FACT!

Work out what's hidden on the computer monitor below. Replace each letter with the one that comes **before** it in the alphabet and use the space beneath each line to write your decoded message.



ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



# DOT TO DOT





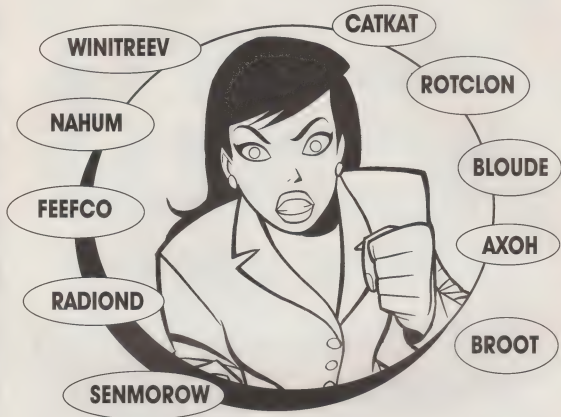
# SUPERMAN VS LOIS LAND!?

By moving or replacing a single letter in a word, you can change its whole meaning. For example, replace the **E** from the word **LANE** with a **D** and it becomes **LAND**. See if you can change the words below from the story, *Superman Vs Lois Lane?*, into new words using the given clues.

Change one letter to make a drinking vessel.	<b>COP</b>	
Change one letter to turn this into flesh.	<b>MEET</b>	
Change one letter to make this into a paper guide.	<b>MAD</b>	
Change one letter to turn this into a flower.	<b>ROPE</b>	
Change one letter and remove another to make this become two.	<b>TROUBLE</b>	
Take away one letter to turn this into a living thing that grows in the earth.	<b>PLANET</b>	
Change one letter to make this speak.	<b>DAY</b>	
Change one letter to turn this into something soft, white and cold.	<b>SHOW</b>	
Change one letter to turn this into tree material.	<b>GOOD</b>	
Change one letter to make this a bird's home.	<b>NEXT</b>	

# SCRAMBLED WORDS

Lois Lane's robot double is angry because she is hearing words all scrambled up. Can you tell what each scrambled word is? The list at the bottom of the page should help you.



**COFFEE**

**NEWSROOM**

**ROBOT**

**HOAX**

**ANDROID**

**DOUBLE**

**HUMAN**

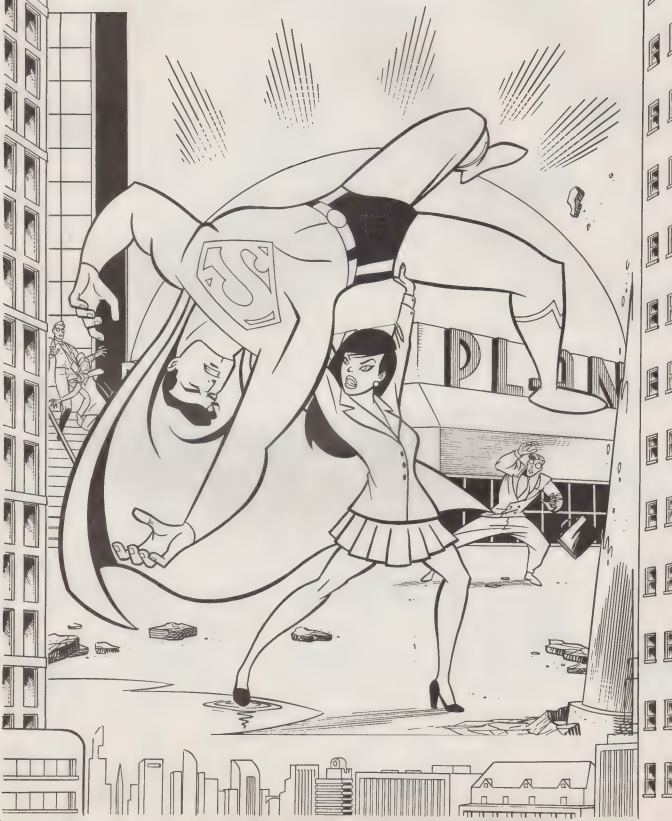
**CONTROL**

**INTERVIEW**

**ATTACK**

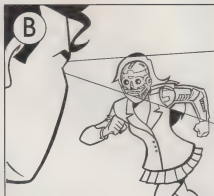
# SUPERMAN COLOURING

Colour in this picture of Superman being given a hard time by Lois Lane's powerful robot double!



# ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-6)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.

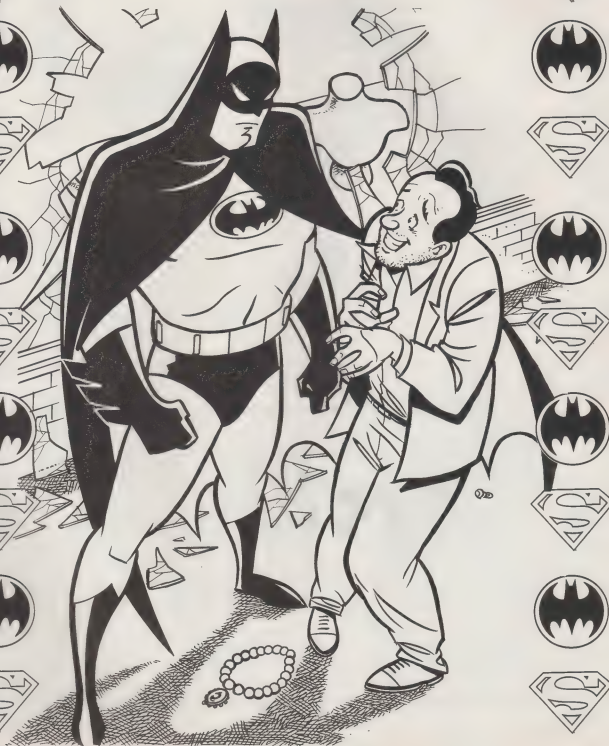


1	2	3	4	5	6



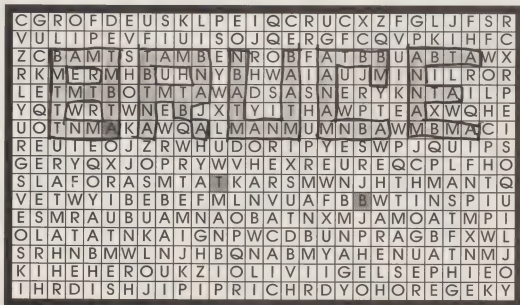
# BATMAN COLOURING

Colour in this picture of Larry meeting Batman from the story, *A Face in the Crowd*.



# HIDDEN NAME

In the story, *A Face in the Crowd*, Larry thinks he has discovered Batman's secret identity. In this puzzle, reveal Batman's **real** identity by shading in all the boxes with the five different letters in the name, **BATMAN**. Three have been done already to start you off.



# FIT THEM IN

All the words in the boxes below come from the story,  
*A Face in the Crowd*. See if you can fit them into the  
grid of squares correctly.



6 LETTERS  
POLICE

7 LETTERS  
THIEVES

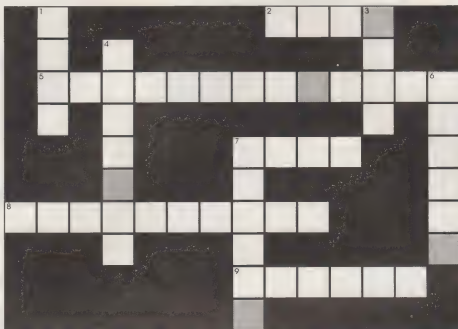
4 LETTERS  
HOOD  
SCAM  
DEAL  
LOOT

5 LETTERS  
HEIST  
CRIME  
STEAL

10 LETTERS  
PICKPOCKET

# CROSSWORD

Solve the clues in the boxes below and write the answers in the crossword grid. All the words come from the story, *A Face in the Crowd*. If you answer the clues correctly, the letters in the shaded boxes will spell another word from the story.



## ACROSS

- 2. An arrangement.
- 5. An area where people live.
- 7. Slang word for a dollar.
- 8. Someone who steals in public.
- 9. An end product or situation.

## DOWN

- 1. To repair.
- 3. A name for stolen goods.
- 4. An error.
- 6. Possibility that someone may be harmed.
- 7. A place where bread is made and sold.

The letters spell:





# WORDSEARCH

In the story, *A Face in the Crowd*, Larry worked in a bakery. Hidden in the wordsearch below are various things you might buy in a bakery. The words are hidden diagonally, upwards, downwards, across and backwards. Draw a line around each word as you find it and tick the words off in the list below.

B	R	N	E	C	R	U	M	P	E	T	A
M	I	M	K	Y	P	O	H	O	L	R	E
N	A	S	A	G	E	A	K	Y	O	O	S
H	L	I	C	R	O	I	S	S	A	N	T
K	C	I	S	U	H	I	N	T	F	U	F
U	E	N	I	T	I	D	A	E	R	B	H
N	I	F	F	U	M	T	A	R	T	Y	R
O	U	G	T	U	N	H	G	U	O	D	H

CAKE	■
BISCUIT	■
BREAD	■
LOAF	■
CROISSANT	■
TART	■
BUN	■
PASTRY	■
MUFFIN	■
CRUMPET	■
ECLAIR	■
DOUGHNUT	■



# ANSWERS

## HISTORICAL FACT

THE CHARACTER,  
SUPERMAN, WAS CREATED  
BY TWO AMERICAN  
TEENAGERS CALLED JERRY  
SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER  
IN 1934.

## SUPERMAN VS LOIS LAND!?

COP - CUP  
MEET - MEAT  
MAD - MAP  
ROPE - ROSE  
TROUBLE - DOUBLE  
PLANET - PLANT  
DAY - SAY  
SHOW - SNOW  
GOOD - WOOD  
NEXT - NEST

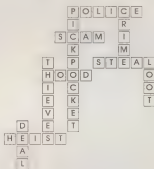
## SCRAMBLED WORDS

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BLOUDE = DOUBLE  
AXOH = HOAX  
BROOT = ROBOT

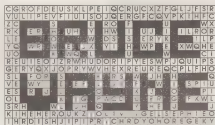
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D	O	U	B	L	E
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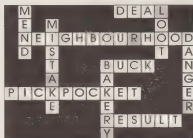
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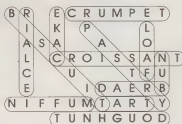
## HIDDEN NAME



## CROSSWORD



## WORDSEARCH



The letters spell:

LARRY



# YOU TELL THE STORY



Back in issue 19 of *I Love to Read Batman*, we asked you, our readers, to make up a story about this picture. Here are some of our favourite stories which you sent in.

The Joker, Harley Quinn and the Mad Hatter were devising a ruthless plot to steal Gotham City's most valuable diamond.

But suddenly there was a loud crash as the Dark Knight jumped through the window.

"Eeeek!" cried Harley.  
CLICK! went the hand cuffs.

By John Clark,  
aged 9<sup>1/2</sup>, from  
Lincoln.

By David Duncan,  
aged 6, from  
Linwood.

The Joker, Harley Quinn and the Mad Hatter were planning to capture Batman with gas which the Joker had made at his secret factory.

They planned to fake a robbery at one of Gotham's banks to trap Batman. But in the middle of their plans, the Dark Knight himself crashed in through the window and trapped the trio instead!

...Batman crashed in through the window but the Joker and his villain friends were ready for him. They tied him up and took him to the roof.

Just as they were about to push him off, Robin came to the rescue. The two heroes tied up the villains and handed them over to the police.

By Alfie Gatehouse,  
aged 5, from  
London.

Batman had come to get the Joker, Harley Quinn and the Mad Hatter.

The Dark Knight crashed through the window saying, "I've got you now."

But the Mad Hatter cried, "But this is only a tea party—a Mad Hatter's tea party. Ha, Ha!"

"A likely story," said Batman and arrested them.

By Jack Armstrong,  
aged 6, from  
London.

The Joker, Mad Hatter and Harley Quinn were planning a robbery. Batman heard about their plans and found their hideout. He smashed his way in through the window. But Harley threw the Mad Hatters tea at Batman, and the Joker grabbed a can of poison gas. But the Dark Knight was too quick. He fought them all off and arrested them.

By Matthew Wheatcroft,  
aged 6<sup>1/2</sup>, from Redditch.

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Date of birth (of child).....31.10.86.....boy/girl

Name (of parent/guardian).....

ADDRESS (of parent/guardian).....21 CROMER.....

STREET BURTON STONE.....

LANE YORK POSTCODE YO3 6DQ.....

SIGNATURE (of parent/guardian).....



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This is a story about a guy who's name was Larry.

## A FACE IN THE CROWD

**T**here was a guy who's name was Larry. Larry *what* doesn't matter. Folks in downtown Gotham City knew him as just plain old Larry. For years he'd been a small-time hood, making an easy buck here and there on scams and small crimes. He was always on the take, always looking for an angle.

Then things changed for Larry. Batman busted him. It was one night a year or so ago. Larry was stealing out of a brownstone house on West Street. Batman just slid down out of the shadows and scared

Larry but good. Then the Dark Knight let him go. Maybe Batman had bigger fish to fry that night. He let Larry off with a warning never to steal again or he'd be back to find him.

It worked. From that day, Larry got himself on the straight and narrow. No stealing, no scamming, no nothing. As good as gold, and in this neighbourhood that's not easy. There's always someone trying to fix up a deal or cut some action. But Larry resisted the offers to join 'that gang' or 'this job'. He got a job at the local bakery and kept his nose clean.



One night, Larry was on his way to the bakery to start the early shift and get the loaves in the oven. It was dark, and he was just passing a side street when he saw the craziest thing. He saw Batman, taking off his mask.

Larry figured that Batman was a real man with a real face and a real name when he wasn't being Batman. But nobody knew who that was. He also figured Batman needed to get changed in and out of his suit every now and then. That's what Larry saw: Batman getting changed after a night's work. He saw his face, his real face. The face behind Batman's mask.

Larry was sure Batman saw him too and knew he had been seen.

Larry ran. He was scared. He knew such a secret was valuable, and Batman wouldn't want anyone knowing. Larry was sure Batman would come after him, and that was the scariest thing he could think of. So he began to plan what to do. His record was clean; it had been clean ever since his first run in with the Dark Knight. How could he make it even cleaner, so that he had something to show Batman?

What Larry didn't realise until much later was....it wasn't Batman who he had seen. It was just some guy on his way home from a costume party



taking off his fancy dress costume.

But Larry didn't know that, so he went to work. He knew everything there was to know about the scams and plots and crooked deals in the neighbourhood. After all, he'd been asked to join in with most of them.

To prove to Batman he had really mended his ways, Larry tipped off the cops on several deals. He stopped four pick-pockets and returned the loot to the victims. In fact, in a few short hours, he had busted about three dozen crimes. The neighbourhood was a cleaner place.

For his final stroke, he decided to stop a jewellery heist he knew was going to happen that evening. Some of his old criminal buddies had been planning it for months.

But when he tried to stop the thieves he realised his mistake.

There were five of them, and none of them were too happy with Larry's attempts to stop them. He was outnumbered and in danger.

That was when Batman swung down out of the shadows, and swiftly dealt with the robbers.

Larry was really afraid. Batman turned to him. "Crime fighting is a dangerous business. Leave it to the police," he said, "or to me. What's your name?"

"Larry," stammered Larry. "Just plain old Larry."

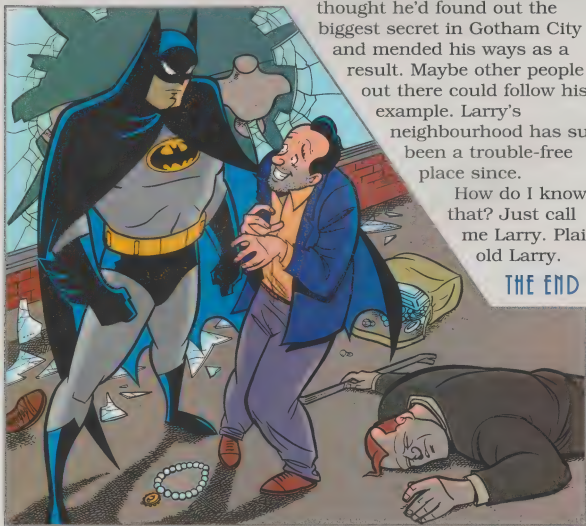
Batman seemed to look closer and harder at him. Larry was sure Batman recognised him. "You could have been hurt. In the future, Larry, if you see trouble, call the police," he said.

"Oh, sure! I'd never get involved in any trouble!" squealed Larry and fled. Afterwards he thanked his lucky stars that Batman had let him go. Was it because he had helped out with the robbers, or had he fooled the masked man? Larry wasn't sure.

That's how plain old Larry thought he'd found out the biggest secret in Gotham City and mended his ways as a result. Maybe other people out there could follow his example. Larry's neighbourhood has sure been a trouble-free place since.

How do I know that? Just call me Larry. Plain old Larry.

**THE END**





# LOIS LANE™

## HERO FILE

**Secret Identity:**

None

**Occupation:**

Reporter, *Daily Planet*

**Known Relatives:**

Colonel Sam Lane (father)

Ellen Lane (mother)

Lucy Lane (sister)

**Base of Operations:**

Metropolis

**Height:** 5 feet 9"

**Weight:** 54 Kilos

**Eyes:** Blue

**Hair:** Black

**Background:**

Lois Lane is the star reporter at the *Daily Planet*, always trying to scoop Clark Kent, her rival at the newspaper. A smart, stubborn newswoman, she sometimes takes dangerous risks in pursuit of a big story—a habit that occasionally gets her into trouble. But when Lois gets in over her head, Superman is usually there to help her.

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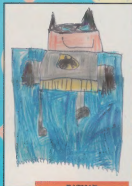


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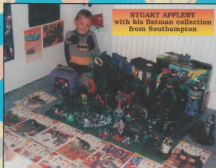
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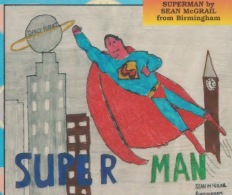
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In the story, *Into the Fire*, there's an enormous explosion at a chemical plant on the outskirts of Gotham City. The plant soon turns into an inferno and **Batman** must dive into the flames to save one of the workers who is trapped in a burning building. At the same time, he must prevent the fire from going out of control and consuming Gotham City itself.



Metropolis is plunged into darkness—and chaos, when all the power in the city goes out without warning. Behind this is Superman's old enemy, the alien supercomputer, **Brainiac**. He plans to drain Earth of all its information and destroy it as he has done to planets throughout the universe, including Superman's home planet, Krypton. **The Man of Steel** must stop him—but how? Find out in the story, *Brain Drain*.

# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures of Lois Lane and Superman's big fight?



Answers: 1. The 'N' from the word 'Planet' behind Lois. 2. Lois's hair length. 3. The top of Superman's boot. 4. Superman's curl on his forehead. 5. The line of the building in the centre of the picture. 6. Superman's thumb nail. 7. The piece of rubble on Superman's left hand. 8. The 'i' in 'WHUNNCH!'. 9. The small triangle in Superman's 'S' chest symbol. 10. Superman's cape.